ADUR LEPER HOSPITAL—WATER SCARCITY

373. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government is aware about the water scarcity in the Adur Leper Hospital;

(*b*) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government that the poor lepers were bathing only once a week during last summer;

(*c*) whether any arrangements have been made this year for an abundant water supply in the Leper Asylum?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes; but the females were allowed to bathe twice a week.

(*c*) Everything possible has been done. This year investigation will be made to locate a suitable site for a tank which will yield a copious supply. The tank on the north-eastern side of the engine house will be improved slightly by removing the silt, etc., and the electrically driven pump fitted up last year will be worked.

ALWAYE WATER SUPPLY

374. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity of Alwaye water supplied to.—

(*a*) the Mattancheri Constituency;

(*b*) the Willingdon Island;

(*c*) Venduruthy Island?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) The quantity of water supplied in Mattancheri in Makaram, 1115 was 199300 gallons per day on an average.

(*b*) The average quantity supplied per day was 56400 gallons.

(*c*) No supply is given to the Venduruthy Island.

375. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the number of gallons of Alwaye water allowed per head in Ernakulam;

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(*b*) what is the number of gallons allowed per head in the town of Mattancheri; and

(*c*) what is the number of gallons allowed in Willingdon Island per head?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) During the month of Makaram 1115, the town of Ernakulam consumed on an average 6 lakhs of gallons per day of which almost 50000 gallons were used for Industrial purposes. The population of Ernakulam according to 1931 Census is 36639.

(*b*) In Mattancheri the corresponding consumption was about 2 lakhs of gallons per day. The number of house service connections in Mattancheri is very much smaller than in Ernakulam. The population according to the last Census is 39652.

(*c*) The average daily consumption for the Willingdon Island is about 56400 gallons. The figures of population can be ascertained only at the next Census.

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